

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the following paragraph beginning on page 6, line 3, through page 7, line 7 as follows:

b1 Referring to the drawings and in particular FIG. 1, one embodiment of a trailer hitch cover assembly 10, according to the present invention, is illustrated in operational relationship with a trailer hitch assembly, generally indicated at 12, for a motor vehicle (not shown). The motor vehicle may be of a pick-up truck type known in the art although any type of motor vehicle may be used in connection with the trailer hitch cover assembly 10. The trailer hitch assembly 12 includes a hitch tube 14 located beneath a rear bumper (not shown) of the motor vehicle. The hitch tube 14 extends longitudinally of the motor vehicle to receive a hitch of an insert tube 16 having a ball connector 18 for the trailer hitch assembly 12. The hitch tube 14 is generally rectangular in shape although any suitable shape may be used. When the insert tube 16 of the ball connector 18 is inserted in the hitch tube 14, it is inserted so that a cross-drilled lockpin aperture 20 on the insert tube 16 aligns with a lockpin aperture 21 extending through the hitch tube 14. A lockpin 22 is then inserted through the lockpin aperture 20 and lockpin aperture 21 and the lockpin 22 is then secured by a hairpin clip 23, which is clipped on the end of the lock pin 21 22, to prevent the lockpin 22 from exiting the hitch tube 14. The trailer hitch cover assembly 10, according to the present invention, fits over and is retained upon the hitch tube 14 as illustrated in FIG. 1B. It should be appreciated that, except for the trailer hitch cover assembly 10, the trailer hitch assembly 12 is conventional and known in the art.